

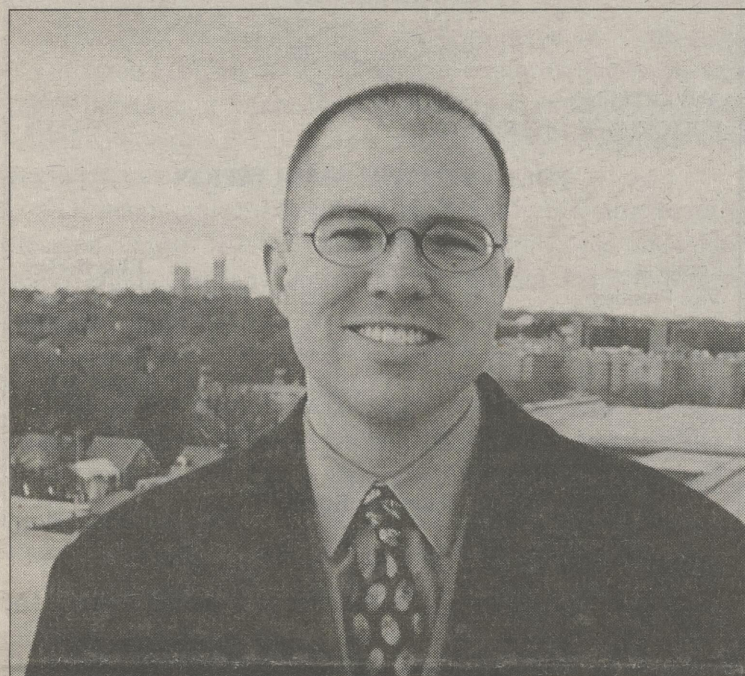


# Foggy Bottom News

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## Councilmember Catania at April FBA Meeting

After having been snow-and-iced-out for the January FBA meeting, Councilmember-at-Large David Catania will be the featured speaker on Monday, April 24. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. at 7:30 p.m.

Catania was elected in a 1997 special election, defeating several candidates including former Council Chair Arrington Dixon. Last year he was re-elected to a four-year term, and has earned a reputation for high energy and straight talk.

Among the recent projects he has taken action on are the role of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the problems of the public schools. He recently consulted with a group of residents from various neighborhoods near campuses on problems related to campus plans.

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### FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Speaker:

**DAVID CATANIA**

D.C. Councilmember-at-Large

Wyndham Bristol Hotel  
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
7:30 p.m.

(Next month's meeting: May 22)

## Update

### Residents Speak & Talk Back on Campus Plan

As the date for the April 26 BZA Campus Plan hearing approaches, efforts are heating up to have residents weigh in on both sides of the issue. One resident, Mel Maeda, has responded to one University effort, a letter sent out on its stationery from residents Ron Lehker and Don Tobey, and Maeda's letter, as well as one from Don Tobey, are printed below.

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## GW Hospital Begins Construction

During the first week of April, construction for the new United Health Service Hospital on the GW campus began. Permits were issued by the D. C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs over the objections of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission. They were also issued without the legally-required notification to the ANC.

One of the permits was for construction of a fence and the blocking off of one lane of New Hampshire Avenue; a construction trailer has been placed in that blocked-off lane. Residents—and commuters as well—regret that timing, as New Hampshire Avenue has had to carry the load of rush hour traffic diverted from the closed 24th Street. Many feel that if DCRA had provided advance notice, the hospital might have been persuaded to delay closing that lane until the 24th Street bridge is completed in July and the street reopened.

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## IMPORTANT!!

### Make Plans to Attend the BZA Hearing April 26

Please show your commitment to Foggy Bottom by being present at this most important event for our neighborhood. The hearing starts at 9:30 a.m., with the University's witnesses usually called on first. It is possible that it will last most of the day, and another hearing may be held in May.

The community team of ANC and FBA representatives have been working long hours for weeks. Your support of their efforts, and those of others who will participate, by attending all or part of this hearing, is important to Foggy Bottom and its residents. (And it's a real lesson in civics!)

The location is 441 4th Street (Judiciary Square Metro on the Red Line), on the second floor (use the elevators on the right as you enter the building).

Be there!! Many thanks.

Ellie Becker  
FBA President





## Letters

### An Enlightened Man...

I was sad to hear that Charles Farbstein passed away April 1. I did not know Charles for a long time, but long enough to know that he was interested in many aspects of life and made time to work and speak out for what he believed in. I don't know how much his appreciation of opera may have played a role, but listening to his presentations to various boards, I found him to be an eloquent but direct speaker who got his point across. I know I will think of Charles when I use the 26th Street crosswalk on K Street (one of the many projects he worked on), but also when I see other neighbors contributing their time and energy to make Foggy Bottom a nourishing place to live. He was an enlightened man who set a wonderful example of being an active citizen.

Jim McLeod  
Pennsylvania Avenue

### FB Forum Plants Trees

On April 1, the Foggy Bottom Institutional & Business Forum planted 15 trees in various parts of the neighborhood. The trees were purchased by Forum members IMF, the Kennedy Center, GWU, the Newman Center, and the five area churches. The volunteer planters were from St. Mary's Church, Western Presbyterian Church, as well as GWU and the Kennedy Center. Father Mike

McCue, a chaplain at the Newman Center and also of Bishop Ireton High School, marshalled a group of his students to help in the effort.

### Have You Discovered Metrobus Route 13M?

There is an interesting Metrobus which traverses Foggy Bottom each day, and to some local folks it is a preferred alternative to other buses and to Metrorail. It is the No. 13M, and it has five runs through Foggy Bottom in the middle of the day on weekdays. The "clockwise" service leaves from Rosslyn at 10:20 a.m., hits Wisconsin and M at 10:25, 23rd & I (Metro station) at 10:30, and 21st and Virginia at 10:33. It then continues to Constitution Avenue, turns south on 7th Street, switches back to west on Independence Avenue, then south over the 14th Street bridge to the Pentagon Metro station. It has the advantage of delivering passengers very close to the museums along the Mall, and to the Jefferson Memorial. Later buses pass the Foggy Bottom Metro station at 11:20 a.m., 12:20, 1:20 and 2:20 p.m.

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### Catania, from page 1

At the Red Cross and GWU revenue bond hearing, he voted for the bond issue but expressed strong sentiments about the process. He favored working out a compromise between GW and the community, and still hopes to bring "detente on the Potomac, where the university can do its business without undue community extortion and the community can live and know with some certainty and with some appreciation about how their community is going to look in the next five years."

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## Appeals Still Pending

The hospital project received approval from both the D. C. State Health Planning & Development Agency and the Board of Zoning Adjustment in 1999. Appeals are pending against both decisions. In addition, the ANC in March filed the latest in a series of protests with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs because it had declined to issue an environmental impact statement. The only study was a Department of Health air quality assessment which did not include the impact of any new building built on the site of the current hospital, nor were five nearby building projects included in the study. DCRA officials failed to provide a written rationale for their decision, and to notify the ANC of the issuance of the permits. Both are legally required.

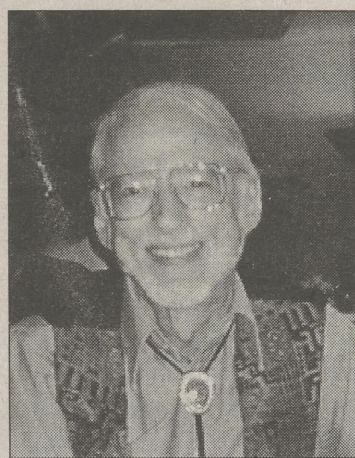
In addition to the fencing and placement of construction trailers, the first work was the demolition of the curved wall at the north end carrying the university's name.

The start of construction was trumpeted in a full-page Washington Post ad, as well as extensive information on its web page, including a "slide show." Opening is expected in 2002, and it will "house 371 beds and employ 1500 professionals supporting a medical staff of 900 physicians."

Of major concern to the community are the large loading dock on narrow 24th Street, very close to residences, and added traffic and pedestrian congestion on both 23rd and 24th Streets, both now at capacity.

**The two appeals in this case are moving slowly and are resulting in increasingly large legal bills. Contributions are urgently needed to defray these expenses, some due to what seems to be unnecessary foot-dragging which hurts the cases brought by community representatives.**

**PLEASE HELP. Make checks payable to Foggy Bottom Legal Fund and mail to the FBA, c/o West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20037. You have our thanks in advance. Contributions are tax-deductible.**



## FB Leader Charles Farbstein Dies

Charles M. Farbstein, 67, a resident of Claridge House and former Vice President of the Foggy Bottom Association, died April 1 of cancer and complications.

He was an exceptional man, with a myriad of interests and commitments, who on numerous occasions used his intelligence and ready wit to support, improve and enhance the residential character of Foggy Bottom.

He and his wife, Janet, came to Foggy Bottom in 1979, and have participated in neighborhood activities. Both were members of the hard-working Whitehurst Freeway Steering Committee, and volunteered at GW Hospital in the Mended Heart program.

He served as vice president of the Claridge House Board of Directors and was elected to the FBA Executive Board in June 1998. He was elected Vice President in June 1999, participated in the GWU Hospital hearings, but had to resign due to his illness.

Farbstein, prior to his retirement, worked for the Department of Justice, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in their General Counsel's offices. He continued his interest in legal matters by being a volunteer arbitrator or mediator for the D.C. and Federal court systems. A special avocation was enjoyment of opera and oratorio, especially Handel's music, and he made a dashing picture in his flowing formal opera cape.

A native of Philadelphia, he attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and Law School, and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar at Princeton.

He is survived by his wife Janet, two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. At his memorial service old and new friends related stories of his life and wide variety of interests, creating a picture of a debonair and dedicated husband, father, co-worker, friend and advocate.

## Octagon Offers Architecture Afloat

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Another resident, Ken Durham, has already let the BZA know of his concerns, and has asked that approval of the plan be delayed until GWU provides further information. His list of "significant omissions" includes the fact that GWU has not presented any "negative impacts that the University has had and will have on the Foggy Bottom community residents and how it plans to minimize those negative impacts."

Durham also questioned the university's claims of numerous meetings with the community, but provides no documentation or summary of them. (While GWU did arrange for several meetings during 1999, most were taken up with recitations of tangential matters lacking in specifics on their plans. After three such meetings, the BZA withdrew from them as unproductive.)

According to Durham, even the web site's posting of the Campus Plan was flawed, missing "significant parts of the Plan" and using a format which limits access.

He also scored the plan's exclusion of "any discussion of the University's past actions or plans for purchasing, razing, and/or converting property immediately outside" the

campus, which have altered and will alter significantly "the character of the Foggy Bottom Community."

**Final Order Should Include Conditions**

The BZA may, as a part of its final order, set forth conditions for its approval of the plan. Durham asked for inclusion of eight conditions, several of which deal with negative impacts on the community. Another request was that GWU "make a commitment to regularly and honestly include the community in its decision-making process," and also that an advisory committee of community members be formed which would hold quarterly meetings with the University.

Summing up, Durham asked that the BZA require the university to operate as federal agencies and companies must, and to "make its decision-making transparent." Indicating his pleasure in having the college nearby, he shared his disappointment about "the manner it frequently treats the community, its continued razing of property outside the campus boundaries, its lack of openness and understanding, and its lack of willingness to fully partner with the community."

**Open Letter to Ron Lehker & Don Tobey**

Your entertaining March 23 letter regarding the GWU Campus Plan 2000 just arrived. You are real cards! It would be difficult to outdo you.

I am concerned, however, that unknowing receivers of your letter might take the content seriously, i.e., not take it as the parody you surely intend it to be. Gosh, what if they actually send out that absurd endorsement letter? But, surely the BZA would catch on, don't you think?

Some of the statements in your letter are priceless. I follow them below with comments that should not be news to you.

—"*... We can honestly say it [the Plan] is balanced and thoughtful and addresses the needs of our shared Foggy Bottom community.*" Balanced? On whose scale? "Shared" community? With each day the community becomes more of a one-way GWU street.

—"*As you can see from the enclosed brochure, GW enriches our neighborhood culturally, academically and economically.*" This one is priceless! We should all be sooooo grateful to GWU for "enriching" the community with such services as its audit program, the "university" police, career center, campus

food court, bookstore, library, athletic contests, and its arts programs. Wow! I had no idea. With all that, then, we should feel no pain as GWU continues to steamroll the Foggy Bottom community?

—"*GW to continue to be such a positive presence in the community.*" ... Continue? There's a lot of missing information here. ...

—"*... The University has demonstrated such a strong interest in working with the community.*" ... If "talk" is the measure of demonstration, GWU has done an excellent job.

—"*... It's in our best interest to work together to help the Foggy Bottom, West End and GW communities flourish.*" "Flourish" in this context must mean "GWU growth," right? It's difficult to envision the non-GWU Foggy Bottom community flourishing in the wake of GWU's excesses.

Of course, the letter that a number of us will send to the BZA will not be a joke, and will reflect the true sentiments of many Foggy Bottom residents.

These are some of my observations, similar to my neighbors, upon which I judge GWU. These are not all-inclusive. I don't have the time—the list is too long.

(a) The former hotel I see from my residence that recently became a GWU dormitory overnight. ...

(b) the plight of Columbia "Please-Don't-Call-It-A-Dorm" Plaza. ... ; and

(c) GWU's attempts to further sprawl by unnecessarily rebuilding its hospital, which it would lead to believe the community needs when, in fact, GWU's greatest con-

cern is for the interests of its medical school and its business venture.

[Campus] plans can be made to look good, can be absent of information that discloses true intentions, and can be deceptive. And plans (honest ones, that is) are only as good as they are honored and executed. On one hand, they should not necessarily be "in cement" but, on the other, they should not be violated for selfish, one-sided reasons. And we certainly have learned a lot about that, haven't we?

Milton O. Maeda  
I Street

(Lehker and Tobey are signatories of a letter sent out by GWU soliciting support for its campus plan.)

**I Feel Your Pain!**

Please! The ugly and erroneous reaction of some to our recent letter on the Campus Plan impels me to restate my own longtime position.

I have always been concerned that the unique atmosphere of our Foggy Bottom neighborhood should be protected.

President Trachtenberg and G.W., I believe, will give serious consideration to any of the questions on issues the protestors raise. They are making strenuous efforts, with concrete projects, such as police presence, beautification and help for the elderly, to bring about better relations.

If it appears our historic legacy is threatened, I will be with you demanding investigation and changes.

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This coming year tuition is being increased 4.5%, the lowest increase in 12 years.

Remember, G.W. provides our students with a wonderful opportunity. They will be able to rise to a higher cultural and economic level for their whole lives ahead.

Please, let's try to work together.

*Don Tobey  
25th Street*

The editor responds:

—"Concrete projects." Police presence is mostly inside the campus, surprisingly absent from the Metro Mall, where crimes often take place, not helpful to FB overall, and its advertised escort service for non-students is elusive; the beautification, again, is great but limited to the campus; and isn't much of the help to the elderly performed by the students?

—"Threat to our historic legacy." Yes, the historic district is, *for the time being*, intact, but the legacy of Foggy Bottom as a residential community has been under siege for years. Do Howard Johnson, Columbia Plaza, Dakota Apartments, Aston, West End Apartments, etc., etc., ring any bells?

—"First consideration is

for *our* students." I'm not sure when GW's 19,000 students became *our* responsibility.

—"Exorbitant tuition; make more aid and scholarships available." Despite high tuition, housing and sometimes classroom seats are lagging behind enrollment. By all means more aid would help, and happily for us might cut down the funds available to purchase more FB real estate. But wouldn't it also raise tuition for the rest of the students?

Don Tobey is sincere in his views, and often speaks and writes on the subject of improving public schools and in support of GW. He recently wrote a letter commenting that Maryland and Virginia would welcome the payroll of this university. Unfortunately, it is quite likely that Maryland and Virginia DO welcome the wages their many, many residents who are GWU employees take home.

### "GW Buys White House"

The April Fool's issue of The GW Hatchet reported the purchase of 89% of the White House by GW for use "as residence hall space for next year's exceedingly large freshman class." The article stated that some executive branch activity will remain there, but "most offices, as well as that of the President Clinton, will be moved to nearby trailers on the Ellipse." (As an aside, won't that sort of mess up GW's grand graduation ceremony plans?) According to the article, the purchase elicited angry statements from students (because only fresh-

men would live there), and from U.S. citizens and foreigners alike. The article quoted GW's president, Biggie Joel; another article in the same issue pictured "GW President Still Just Taking property."

### Fire Station 23 Adds Ambulance

As part of the Fire Department's heightened medical coverage, the fire station in the 2100 block of G Street now has an ambulance transport unit. The new unit, staffed by two emergency medical technicians, was put into service at the Foggy Bottom station on March 26. Captain Al Dutton is in charge of the station, which is home to Engine 23, the "Foggy Bottom" fire engine. In addition to the ambulance crew, all firefighters are trained as EMTs.

### Attention Tango Lovers QuinTango & Dancers in Benefit Concert

The highly-acclaimed QuinTango quintet will be joined by a duo of seductive Argentinian tango dance masters in a benefit performance at the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater, 800 21st Street, N.W. on Friday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. QuinTango combines classical training and technical excellence with energy, and is composed of two violins, cello, bass, and piano.

The group has performed at the White House, the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institution, the National Building Museum, and many theaters and embassies here and abroad. They are frequently heard in collaboration with other master musicians, ac-



### Profile: Henry Spruks

*By Marifran D. Langvardt*

At an early age the only son of H. Charles and Margaret Spruks, Henry Spruks, was meeting dignitaries such as President and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, H.R.H. Elizabeth and George VI of England, as well as two young princes from Saudi Arabia who would become King Faisal and King Khalid bin Abdul. Young Henry's father, Charles Spruks, was Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs for the State Department. Born March 13, 1929, and now 71 years of age, Henry has autographed photos from those years.

As a youth, Henry spent summer vacations in 1945 and 1946 as an ordinary seaman on a banana boat in the Dominican Republic. Later he would return to the sea, but in the meantime his parents di-

tors and tango dancers, including Robert Duvall and Pablo Vernon.

A reception to meet the musicians and dancers will follow the performance, with a 30-minute session of tango dancing instruction. The event is sponsored by the GWU Hospital Women's Board, and proceeds

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For health reasons, Henry returned to land in 1992 and moved to St. Mary's Court in Foggy Bottom. His dinner partners report that his company is stimulating. He enjoys sketching, writing poetry and attending concerts. Henry is also an Honorary Member of the Press Club as well as the Washington Canoe Club.

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### Foggy Bottom Folks

A regular Kennedy Center volunteer, **Jennie Lazowski**, told us that the Friends of the Center are collecting musical instruments to give to school children. Anyone with an instrument to donate was asked to bring them to the Friends Information Center in the Hall of States in early March. It may be that even now arrangements can be made to receive donations. The Friends' phone number is 416-8320. We hesitate to suggest delivering pianos to that desk!

**Lynn Kauffman**, the librarian at Foggy Bottom's School Without Walls, led a group from her school to testify at the recent school budget hearings before Mayor Williams. She heads the Local School Restructuring Team, which represents the stakeholders of the school (the principal, parents, teachers, students, support staff and community). In her remarks, Mrs. Kauffman told the hearing that the public schools have "labored under a system where there is so little consensus, so much politicizing and great sacrifice by its teachers and students," and asked the Mayor to change that system.

The SWW librarian has a wish list for the media center, and some of the wanted items appear elsewhere in this issue. If a reader sees one he or she can donate, the school is at 2130 G Street, N.W., 20037; phone 724-4889.

It has been a sad time recently for the owners and friends of several senior FB canines. **Leader**, the 17-year old pet belonging to **Bob** and **Elizabeth Dole**, has passed

away, and FB has also lost the tiny, fiercely independent teacup poodle **Nikki**, belonging to **Claire Ciftci**. Nikki, who dined on lamb chops nightly and often haughtily ignored his friends and fans, died peacefully in Claire's lap in early February.

Eye Street's **Lois Goch-nauer** also bid farewell to her two pets, **Maximilian** and **Napoleon**. She stated that the two served admirably as diplomats during her overseas assignments such as Hong Kong, the Dominican Republic and Toronto. She is in the midst of a book about their adventures, and has taken into her home and heart a new small silver poodle named **Arturo Luigi**.

**Chris Labas**, who works at Potomac Plaza, was the victim of a burglary in his apartment in Dupont Circle. He said it was not simply a burglar after a few salable items, but the criminal(s) cleaned out almost all his possessions. Just shouldn't happen to such a nice guy!

And one day this month, in the Potomac Plaza parking area, a familiar face appeared. Visiting friends in that building was the renowned "**Q**" **Golparvar**," formerly the president of the GW Student Association, booster of Foggy Bottom, and friend to many students and other residents as well. And he was visiting not from his New York home, but from the University of Pittsburgh Law School.

Earlier this year, Eye Street's **Ronnie Melnick** lost her petite and beloved mother. Mrs. Melnick, who formerly lived in New York, had been ill for some months, and was staying in a Columbia Plaza apartment, near her daughter's home but away from staircases.

### Rev. Yearwood Is St. Mary's New Rector

If you listen carefully, you'll hear the faintest echo of Barbados when Reverend Kirtley Yearwood speaks. The new rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church on 23rd Street left his home country at 17, and has lived in enough different U. S. cities to alter but not remove that accent.

The 38-year old Episcopal priest knew from the age of 4, "like the prophet Jeremiah," that he was called to the priesthood. But when he was 12 a soccer injury confined him to a wheelchair for a year and turned his attention to medicine. After attending Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, getting a master's in public health at the University of Oklahoma, he received his medical degree and served his internship at the University of Arkansas. He then traveled north, and after completing his residency in pathology at—what a coincidence!—George Washington University Hospital, he enrolled in a New York seminary.

Father Yearwood stated that he uses his medical training every day in his ministry, drawing heavily on his experiences when he visits the ill. It helps him "to get where they really are," and was a great preparation for his work.

His plans for the church are already under way: a 7:15 a.m. prayer service for those who work in the area (the time might be changed); preservation of this early African-American Episcopal presence, but promoting it as a community church, especially for those who work nearby; continuing and enhancing St. Mary's tradition of "glorious music." During Lent a worship, musical and fellow-



The new rector poses at the entrance of the historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

ship service was held each Wednesday, including making a light lunch available in the church's courtyard garden, weather permitting.

Styling himself as "a liturgist and very Anglo-Catholic," the music tradition at St. Mary's will mirror that high-church tradition, evidenced by services such as Tenebrae during Holy Week. St. Mary's beautiful Stations of the Cross, either della Robbia or in that style, have been taken down for the duration of the building construction next door.

He will also have to concentrate on the physical plant, the historic church and the rectory, both projects which will involve fund-raising. When asked about his family,

he replied that "I'm not married yet, but hope to be." Yearwood currently lives in an apartment while the rectory is being renovated, expressed regret that the houses formerly in that block are gone, and that his back yard, which faces the new dormitory, "has a little bit of a different feeling because there's no privacy there."

His official "institution" as rector will take place May 31, with the Bishop of Washington in attendance. The preacher on that occasion will be Father Richard Martin, formerly rector of St. Paul's Church on K Street, who was one of his mentors. He hopes many in the community will share the ceremony as well, and the reception which will follow.



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## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, April 24:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Councilmember-at-Large David Catania as featured speaker. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m. All residents welcome.

**Wednesday, April 26:** Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing on the George Washington University Campus Plan. Second Floor, 441 4th Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square Metro). 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 26:** Author James McCourt appears as part of the continuing "Conversations with the Authors" series, reading from and discussing his recently published Washington satire "Delancey's Way." Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. For info call 331-7282, ext. 14 or 15. See article elsewhere in this issue. 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday-Sunday, April 27-30:** "Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim, presented by the GW Departments of Music and Theatre & Dance. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. For info call 994-6178. \$10 general admission; \$8 students and seniors. Thurs-Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 28:** Friday Noon Concert, featuring pianist Thomas Pandolfi in a program of All-American music, including selections by Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, Morton Gould, Samuel Barber, Edward MacDowell, and Zez Confrey. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. For info call 331-7282, ext. 15. 12:00 noon.

**Friday, April 28:** Friday Afternoon Jam Session, presented by GWU Department of Music, concluding the series with a faculty/student showcase. GWU Academic Center, Room B-120, 801 22nd Street, N.W. For info call 994-6245. 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

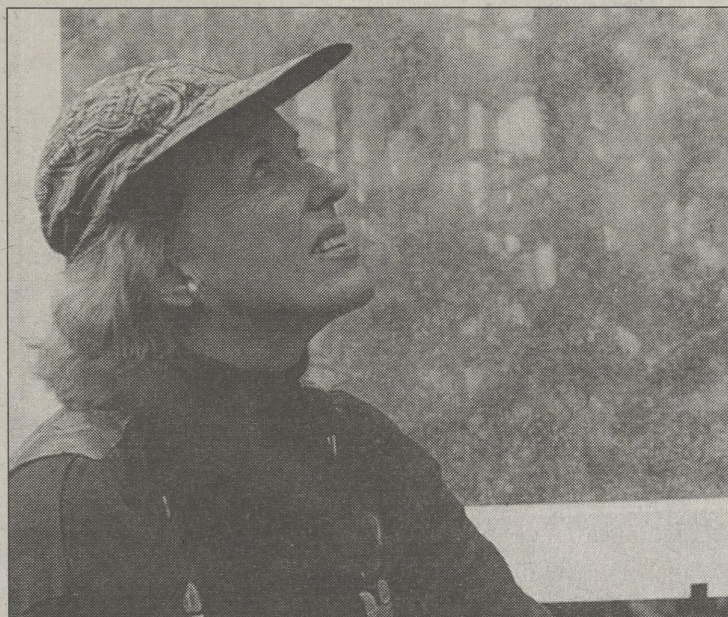
**Tuesday, May 2:** Presidential Primary Election Day. Polling places are at United Church at 20th & G Streets, St. Mary's Court at 725 24th Street, and the West End Library at 24th and L (we presume it will have reopened by then).

**Wednesday, May 3:** Citizens Advisory Council of the Metropolitan Police Second District. 2D Headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (near Wisconsin Avenue & Newark Street, N.W.) 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 5:** Opening reception for exhibition by Beverlee Ahlin at Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. For info call 338-4488. See article elsewhere in this issue. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 7:** Organ Concert by Patrick Kabanda. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. For info call 333-3985. See article elsewhere in this issue. 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 11:** "A Way of Life," a slide-illustrated lecture by Lois Gottlieb recounting her apprenticeship with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin from 1948-49. Through humorous stories, keen observations, and approximately 150 images, Gottlieb



will provide an extraordinary glimpse into Wright's architecture, personality and philosophy. American Institute of Architects Boardroom, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. \$5 for Octagon non-members. For info and reservations call 626-7387. 6:45 p.m.

**Friday, May 12:** Benefit concert by QuinTango quintet joined by two Argentinian tango dance masters. Quintet features two violins, cello, bass and piano. A reception to meet the musicians and dancers, as well as tango instruction, will follow the performance. The event is sponsored by the GWU Hospital Women's Board, and proceeds will benefit the Mammovan. Tickets, \$20, from Ticketmaster, Marvin Center Box Office and Hospital Gift Shop. Reception tickets, \$15, from the Gift Shop. See article elsewhere in this issue. Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater, 800 21st Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 17:** Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A meeting. For info and location call 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 21:** National Musical Arts Birthday Party, featuring selections by Poulenc, Strauss and Schubert. National Musical Arts, the chamber ensemble of the National Academy of Sciences, celebrates its 20th season. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. For info call 946-0355. 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 22:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, program to be announced. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome. 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is held earlier in the month than usual to avoid Memorial Day.)

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## Watergate Gallery Hosts Beverlee Ahlin Show

Beverlee Ahlin, an internationally known artist, presents her 10th Biennial Retrospective at the Watergate Gallery beginning May 5. The exhibition will continue for two months; a opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ahlin was a resident of the Watergate for many years, and was founder of the Boat House Art School on the Potomac. During her Washington stay she will conduct a workshop at Dumbarton Oaks Gardens in Georgetown. Ahlin now resides in Maitland, Florida, and has instructed in art at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

## Author McCourt at Arts Club

Novelist James McCourt will appear as part of the "Conversations with the Authors" series at the Arts Club of Washington, reading from and discussing his latest novel, "Delancey's Way." The program, which will be followed by a book signing, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. The Arts Club is located at 2017 I Street, N.W.

McCourt's new book follows Delancey, sent to D. C. to report for a local paper, who finds himself among the movers and shakers of Clinton-era Washington. He also encounters old friends, several familiar to readers of McCourt's earlier books, which include "Time Remaining."

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### Marcel's Opens Outdoor Cafe

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Robert Wiedmaier, Marcel's Chef de Cuisine, formerly was Executive Chef at the Watergate's Aquarelle, and

also held positions at the nearby Four Seasons and the Cafe on M. Washingtonian Magazine in January listed Marcel's as one of its 100 very best restaurants.

The ANC on March 15 voted 6-0 to support the sidewalk cafe, asking that the hours of operation end at 10:30 p.m.

And speaking of Foggy Bottom restaurants, the Washingtonian Magazine recently gave to the Colonnade in the Washington Monarch Hotel, the Melrose in the Park Hyatt Hotel, and Kinkead's at 2000 Penn its highest marks for fine brunches.

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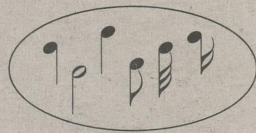
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### St. Mary's Presents Organ Concert

On Sunday, May 7, Patrick Kabanda will be in concert at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W., at 4:00 p.m. Kabanda, a native of Uganda, is currently a student at The Juilliard School and is Music Director at the Church of Intercession in New York City.

He began his musical training as a choirboy at Namirembe Cathedral in Kampala, Uganda, East Africa, and took up the organ on a parttime and self-taught basis. He later became the organist at the Namirembe Cathedral. In 1996 he enrolled at Brevard College and studied piano at the college's music center. He has performed in Dar es Saalam, Tanzania, Mombassa, Kenya, in Brevard and at Alice Tully Hall at New York's Lincoln Center.

The concert is sponsored by the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and all donations will go toward the completion of Mr. Kabanda's organ studies at Julliard. In addition to the general offering, patrons may donate \$25 and sponsors \$10. For further information, call St. Mary's at 333-3985.

### Mayor Surveys Residents' Views

At the February FBA meeting, a representative of the Mayor's Neighborhood

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Benito Juarez, it is quite certain, is more at home in this photo than in an earlier snowscene appearing in the News. The floral array is compliments of the National Park Service, whose tulips must rival those in Holland. By the way, the tulips are bright red.

Action Initiative asked for volunteers to survey residents of Foggy Bottom/West End. Two meetings were held at the West End Library to orient the volunteers.

The six-page survey questionnaire, of course, included identification by area, age, gender, race, employment status, income and number of persons in household. Questions asked concerned likes, problems, and services in the area, and degree of involvement in community activities.

There appeared to be pertinent omissions from the survey plan. A listing of nine "problems" interestingly did not include traffic, a somewhat universal problem for the city. In addition, the coordinator for this area indicated that the persons surveyed were to be picked at random; when asked, she could not give any

information about whether the opinions of community leaders would be sought. The D.C. Office of Planning sponsored the survey.

### Beware Those Carts!

A FB resident has related a scary accident which occurred when a Safeway customer's own wheeled cart in front of her got jammed across the Watergate Mall escalator, barring her from exiting at the street level. As she said, "What do you do when you're on the up escalator and there's no way to keep from being propelled into something that blocking the way?" She reported it to the Watergate's property manager, suggesting that a warning sign be posted. Happily she has reported that red warning signs have been posted prominently. But take care anyway!

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